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In re the Application of

Kazuaki SAIKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2877

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REPLY TO FEBRUARY 26, 2003 PATENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On February 26, 2003, the Patent Office mailed a communication to Applicants' undersigned attorney questioning which of the replies filed on September 26 and September 30, 2002 should be considered. The September 26, 2002 Reply filed by Oliff & Berridge should be considered. The Reply filed on September 30, 2002 by Steptoe & Johnson should be ignored.

Applicants filed a Power of Attorney by Assignee on September 13, 2002, which revoked the prior Power of Attorney to Steptoe & Johnson, and granted Power of Attorney to Oliff & Berridge. Thus, the September 30 Reply filed by Steptoe & Johnson was unauthorized and should be ignored.

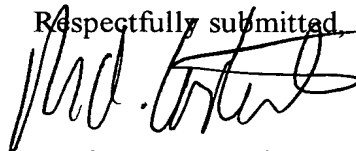
Applicants submit that the September 26, 2002 Reply (Amendment) places this application in condition for allowance by perfecting Applicants' foreign priority and amending the claims for clarity.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact

Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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